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1. At about 3:10 p.m. on 19 March 1953, a train of 10 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 18 flatcars with 3 JS tanks, 3 SP guns, 5 trucks, 1 jeep, 1 motorcycle and 1 field kitchen passed through the Oranienburg freight station, coming from the direction of Wustermark and proceeding toward Loewenberg.                      At about 12 at noon on 19 March, loadings were made in Oranienburg. At about 4:30 p.m. on 21 March, troops with red-bordered black epaulets were loaded onto 1 boxcar, and 2 JS tanks and T-34/85 tanks onto 3 flatcars, in Oranienburg and shipped toward Kirchmoeser. At 4:45 p.m. on 20 March, a train of 8 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 24 flatcars with 8 small AT guns and 19 trucks                      loaded with billeting equipment, passed through the Oranienburg railroad station, coming from the direction of Loewenberg and proceeding toward Wustermark. At about 12:30 p.m. on 24 March, a train of 4 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 10 flatcars with sideracks with 2 medium AA guns, 2 sedans, and 5 trucks                      passed through the Oranienburg railroad station, coming from the direction of Justerbog and proceeding toward Finow-Mark. 1 At 5:31 a.m. on 24 March, a train from Frankfurt/Oder arrived in Oranienburg and was unloaded at 8:10 a.m. for the Weisse Stadt Settlement. It consisted of 15 boxcars with about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying billeting equipment, 2 sleepers with about 40 officers, and an undetermined number of flatcars with vehicles. There were 4 jeeps                      18 trucks                      and 2 field kitchens. 2

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2. Troop trains that passed through Rathenow toward Stendal from the direction of Berlin included:

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At 4:15 p.m. on 13 March: a train of 15 boxcars with troops, 13 flatcars with medium tanks                      12 flatcars with trucks                      and 3 flatcars with tank trucks.                     

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At 10:15 a.m. on 24 March: a train of 15 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 2 flatcars with tank trucks and 10 flatcars with heavy tanks                     

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Troop trains that passed through Rathenow toward Berlin from the direction of Stendal included:

At 5 p.m. on 20 March: a train of 20 boxcars with troops, and 20 flatcars with trucks

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At 9 a.m. on 24 March: a train of 12 flatcars with rocket launchers including five 132-mm guns.

Not less than 40 artillery pieces were entrained at the Rathenow main railroad station on 25 March. <sup>3</sup>

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3. At 1:30 p.m. on 24 March, a unit of about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 7 x 203-mm howitzers, 1 x 122-mm field howitzer, 16 tractors, 16 trucks, and 1 jeep,

were unloaded at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station and marched to the Artillerie Kaserne. The unit had come from Loburg.

A troop train of 160 was detrained at the Altstadt railroad station at 9 a.m. on 24 March.

At 2 p.m. on 24 March, 1 train including 6 x 203-mm howitzers, 1 x 122-mm field howitzer, 14 tractors including 13 trucks

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1 jeep and about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia was unloaded at the Altstadt railroad station. <sup>4</sup>

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4. The following troop trains passed through, were unloaded or loaded at, the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station between 16 and 19 March:

<u>Date in March</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Cargo</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
16	1 tank car	gasoline	Velten	Brandenburg-Altstadt	Arado airfield
17	1 tank car	"	"	"	"
19	1 CB, 1 RRY-type F	T-34/85 tank soldiers	Schwerin	Kirchmooser	-
19	1 CB, 1 RRY-type F	1 SU-152 soldiers	Leisnig	Kirchmooser	-
19	2 boxcars	kitchen furniture	Brandenburg-Altstadt	Leningrad	The furniture came from the Goerden prison.

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1. Comment. The train that passed through Cranienburg on 19 March presumably carried a tank unit of the 1st Mecz Div which returned to Doeberitz from Neustrelitz. Probably, entrainment of units of elements of the 25th Tank Div which were transferred to Torgin.

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in Cranienburg the same day. [redacted] The train on 20 March possibly carried units of the 9th Gds Tank Div which transferred from Neustrelitz to Jueterbog for firing practice. [redacted]

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[redacted] an air force AAA unit drove to Finow on 24 March.

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Comment. The troop train on 13 March is probably identical with a tank shipment of the 10th Gds Tank Div which went from Satzborn to Wolmirstedt [redacted] It is assumed that, also on 20 and 24 March, units of this division were going to, or coming from, Letzing Heath. The loading on 25 March probably involved units of the 6th Arty Div which went to Altengrabow.

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Comment. [redacted] the trains carried units of the 124th Hvy How Arty Brig (US) which came from Altengrabow with trains [redacted] The 122-mm field howitzers were repeatedly observed in the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne, also referred to as Artillerie Kaserne, and, thus, are definitely carried as belonging to the brigade. It appears, however, that each battalion has one gun only.

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